

The girl and medical student who has discovered the cause of pipe in chickens should now devote her best energies to securing a sure cure therefor.

Dr. Koch's latest investigations all go to show that mosquitoes are the principal propagators of malaria. What are mosquitoes good for anyway?

Let's see! Ten years' imprisonment for \$700,000. That would be \$70,000 a year. Even at the extreme penalty bank booting on a large scale pays pretty well.

According to the report of the commissioner of education 17,000,000 Americans are in school. One-fourth our people are preparing by school life for life's school.

Twenty million dollars in gold has been received at Seattle within twelve months from Alaska. Report on the gold-brick trade farther East have not been made public.

Bishop Fallows seems to be busy advising the rich men and women of the country by letter what to do with their money for the world's good, but the rich men and women of the country do not seem to be taking his advice to any great extent.

Optimists firmly maintain that the human race is growing in mental vigor and intelligence, but we cannot forget that about one-half the female population of this town is practicing the "kangaroo walk." This causes us to hesitate at an acceptance of the optimistic dictum.

Alvord, who might have home and friends and a place of trust and good pay, is now in New York, practically penniless and in jail, a ruined man. He takes this outcome philosophically and says he has enjoyed his fling, but the cost of the fling was enormous. The way of the transgressor is hard.

Ferrell, the murderer of Express Messenger Lane, has justly been sentenced to death. It may be true, as claimed by his counsel, that he is a degenerate, but society must protect itself against degenerates when their degeneracy takes a homicidal turn. It is not the fault, but the misfortune, of a rabid dog that he goes mad, yet no one stops to sentimentalize before killing a mad dog.

So accustomed have Americans become to the United States as a new country that the statement of Albin W. Tourgee that "we are one of the oldest of existing civilized nations," seems to require an explanation. Since the foundation of the government, almost one hundred and twelve years ago, there has been no break in our presidential succession. During that period, according to Judge Tourgee, the form of government in France has changed ten times. "Germany," he adds, "is but thirty years old. Austria, as a nation, is the outcome of the Hungarian rebellion. Italy is a still later product of popular evolution."

The fact that the population of Arizona has increased 104.9 per cent in ten years is significant. It points to a great future, under the growing system of irrigation, which is turning much of the territory into a garden of Eden. Arizona produces oranges, figs, almonds, pomegranates and other semitropical fruits. It has the largest fig orchard in the United States, and in every portion of the territory where irrigation has been introduced the desert has been made to blossom and bear abundantly. This part of the great Southwest, says the author of "The Conquest of Arid America," bears a striking resemblance to the land of Egypt, except that the irrigation is not natural, but must be forced. With the methods now known and which are constantly being improved, Arizona will doubtless become one of the most favored spots in the United States, instead of being, as she once was, the most dangerous part of the "great American desert."

The "double life" is a conspicuous feature in the news of the day. First, Mr. Schreiber, of Ellsworthport, modest and respected young bank clerk, was suddenly found to be living the life of the other being known as Mr. Hart, supporting a scarlet and costly menage in New York on funds filched from the bank. Second, Mr. James Roosevelt, Jr., son of two distinguished families, millionaire and collegian, suddenly introduces as his "alternate delegate" a curious character known as "Jimmy," a youth of miscellaneous habits in the Tenderloin. Third, Messrs. Kerr, McAllister, Death and Campbell, some of them "leading" and all of them outwardly respectable citizens of Paterson, N. J., abruptly disclose their other selves as four promoters of lust and cruelty. Fourth, Mr. Alvord, rotund of figure, frank of face and plausible all over, the implicitly trusted teller of a great bank, unexpectedly introduces as his double, who undid him, a familiar figure among sports and gamblers who has taken \$700,000 of the bank's money.

The kindergarten is a debatable question. Originating in a cool climate, among a calm people, the idea of a "child garden" was healthful, happy and wise. After prolonged but not conclusive experiment American educators are of divided judgment about its universal adaptability to the temper and physical environment of American childhood. Its advantages, generally stated, are numerous and unquestionable. For the child of the squallid home it is a blessing not in disguise. For domestic hardship, blows, curses, kicks, for the poverty of heart that too often accompanies a lean larder and brutal habits of degraded parents, nothing better can be imagined. For child solitariness of mind or body it gives sweet companionship. For the darkness it substitutes light. The hunger of the little soul it nourishes with hope. The thirst for play it slakes. It is warmth in winter, coolness in midsummer heat, as compared with sun-battered streets of

BOERS STILL FIGHTING

British Recruits Tackle Superior Force and lose many men.

BRITISH PRISONERS FREED

Hundred Killed and Wounded at Vryheid—Brabant loses some of his men.

Aliwal North, Dec. 15.—A party of Brabant's horse, consisting mainly of raw recruits, engaged a superior force of Boers, December 13, near Zastron, Orange River Colony, losing four killed, sixteen wounded and 120 taken prisoners.

British Prisoners Freed. London, Dec. 17.—[By Atlantic Cable.] The following dispatch has been received by the War Department from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 15.—Five officers and 216 men, Magaliesburg prisoners, have been released.

"The Boers surrounded and captured 120 men of Brabant's horse in a delfie in Zastron district.

"Col. Bomfield, moving on Vryheid, defeated the Boers with heavy loss, delivering them from Scheepers' Nek and capturing a quantity of arms. The Scheepers' Nek movement occurred December 13.

"The Boers who attacked Vryheid December 10 lost 100 killed and wounded before they retired. The fighting lasted all day, the enemy drawing off at 7:30 p. m. The British loss was six killed, nineteen wounded and thirty missing. Our casualties include two officers who died of their wounds."

Writing from Pretoria yesterday (Sunday), Lord Kitchener, after announcing that the released Magaliesburg prisoners had arrived at Rustenburg, says that the Boer force divided into two portions, one moving south and the other west.

Nearly Six Hundred British Killed and Captured by Boers.

London, Dec. 15.—General Kitchener's supplementary dispatch referring to the disaster at Magaliesburg confirms yesterday's most pessimistic fears, and demonstrates that the catastrophe is among the worst the war.

Lord Kitchener's message to the war office is as follows:

"Pretoria, Dec. 14.—Clements brought in his force. To Commando Nek unopposed. The casualties were, I regret to say, heavy: Killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, eighteen officers and 555 of other ranks. These latter were four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

"Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement. The Boers suffered severely. Knox drove Dewet north to the Thabanchu-Ladybrand line, which was held by our troops. Dewet's force, about three thousand strong, made several attempts to get through during the day, assisted by a force of Boers. The Northumberland Fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

Writing later, Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the lines in the neighborhood of Thabanchu, Dewet's force lost considerably. The South African light horse and Thorneycroft's mounted infantry captured a fifteen-pounder, taken at Dewetsdorp, a pom-pom, several wagons with ammunition, twenty-two prisoners and some horses and mules. A portion of the enemy has not been able to get north.

Lord Kitchener, under date of December 15, reports to the war office from Pretoria as follows:

"Clements has come to see me. He says the four companies of the Northumberland held out on the hill as long as their ammunition lasted. The Boer force attacking the hill was 2000 strong, while another force of 1000 attacked Clements' camp. By 6:30 o'clock the hill was carried. Reinforcements of one company of the Yorkshires failed to reach the top.

"Clements' retreat was carried out with regularity, but as many native drivers bolted, a considerable amount of transportation was lost. All their ammunition not taken away was destroyed. He reports that all behaved very well. Broadwood has gone to Rustenburg and supports Oliphant's Nek, which has been reinforced. A flag of truce, which has come into Commando Nek for the Boers, says Joubert's force was killed and further reports their losses as being very heavy."

This astounding and utterly unexpected reverse, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after General Buller's defeat at Colenso, effectually disposes of any hopes that the war in South Africa is nearly ended, and completely abates the myth that negotiations there were merely of a guerilla nature.

Fight for the Inner Harbor.

While the river and harbor bill is not ready to be reported, it is feared that the bill will come out of committee without an appropriation for the inner harbor at San Pedro. This was stated by a member of the committee, but friends of the harbor have not given up hope.

Congressman Waters had an interview with Chairman Burton of the committee, and expressed the hope tonight that there might be a compromise by putting the work under the continuous system and giving it about \$50,000 this year.

This was the plan by which the improvement of San Diego was insured. According to information tonight, while the total sum for the harbor will be \$267,000, there will be in this bill only \$50,000 for this year's work.

Argued With Mob.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 15.—At Westville this afternoon a daring attempt was made to lynch Charles Haverson, a young white man, confined in the jail under sentence of death for murdering a prominent merchant named Ammons several months ago. The mob was composed of nearly a hundred persons.

The sheriff and other citizens made earnest appeals for the life of Haverson, and the mob finally agreed to disperse on condition that if the Supreme Court should grant a new trial and a change of venue the people would be given notice when Haverson was to be taken from the county.

Wonders of Rockies.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—The Canadian Pacific Railroad engineers have returned from an exploring expedition in the Rockies and they re-

port the discovery of magnificent falls one dropping from a height of 1300 feet, also several glaciers, one of which rivals the great glacier of Selkirk in area and surpasses it in magnitude of its surroundings of mountain lakes of unusual beauty and of lofty peaks, which will offer a great temptation to mountain climbers. These hitherto hidden marvels of nature can be made accessible by construction of trails and these will be built early next spring.

Headquarters in Los Angeles.

President McKinley has been asked by the Californians to make an order in effect reviving the department of Arizona for the army, which was incorporated with that of Colorado, with headquarters of the new department at Los Angeles. The last statement setting forth the advantage of creating this division of the army in Southern California has been sent to the president, and by him to the war office, where it is now being examined by those who have in charge that matter.

During the visit of former Governor Markham he has taken part in the arguments in favor of the plan, and Congressman Waters has visited the president to urge action. In addition to this pressure, the chamber of commerce and the Manufacturers' association of Los Angeles have been asked to take a part in the fight.

The establishment of headquarters at Los Angeles now would not mean, necessarily, the stationing of any soldiers there. There are not enough men in the country to garrison the coast, and what would be located there a general officer, the greatest advantage would be that it might lead to establishing a camp for the recuperation of soldiers returning from the Philippines.

When the army is increased so that it will be possible to organize posts in the southwest, the headquarters at Los Angeles will be of the greatest advantage as a distributing point, as it would have an advantage over both San Francisco and Denver.

Chinese Are Denied Citizenship.

Honolulu, Dec. 7.—A treasury ruling in the matter of Chinese citizenship has created much comment and surprise among the Chinese population here. It declares that the Chinese who were naturalized citizens of Hawaii did not become American citizens by virtue of the provisions of the territorial act. Section 4 of that act declares that all persons who were citizens of the republic of Hawaii on August 12, 1898, are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States.

Under this section Chinese citizens of the late republic were supposed to be American and they were allowed to vote. The question arose here when some of the Chinese citizens of the United States. Collector Stackable wrote to Washington and received the new ruling on the 20th of last month. The number of Chinese affected by the ruling is small, but they are, for the most part, wealthy merchants.

"Little Bat" Shot.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—A Journal special from Crawford, Neb., says that Baptiste Garnier, known all over the West as "Little Bat," the fearless Indian scout, who first came into prominence for services rendered Gen. Cook during the late war, was shot and killed by a party of Indians on the big Indian wars was shot and probably fatally wounded in a saloon tonight by James D. Haguewood, the saloon manager. The trouble between the "Little Bat" has been "roding" the position of chief officer of the governing service at Fort Robinson. There is slight hope of his recovery. Haguewood surrendered.

Two Women Are Held Up.

Santa Barbara, Dec. 15.—While Mrs. E. M. Pyle and her daughter, Mrs. Anna McNeely, of this city, were returning home from a shopping trip, shortly after 8:30 o'clock this evening, they were stopped by a highwayman near their home up town, who demanded their money. Mrs. McNeely, in response to the command, gave up \$0 cents.

Mrs. Pyle not understanding why they were stopped, asked what the trouble was. The robber commanded her to keep silent, and then abruptly took his departure without stopping to secure the contents of Mrs. Pyle's purse which contained \$12. This is the first holdup which has occurred in this city for a long time.

A Horrible Example.

A drunken saloon porter wandered into the Presbyterian church at 10:30, Monday, during the revival concert by Evangelist Merton Smith of Chicago. The porter took a front seat, and when the evangelist told of the horrors of the liquor business the drunken man arose and denounced him as a scoundrel and a liar. A number of women fainted. "Don't take him out," explained the evangelist, the saloon porter pushed the man toward the door. "It is not the man that speaks, but the liquor in him. He is no worse than I once was."

The minister placed the drunken man in the pulpit by his side and continued his discourse, while the living light of the example.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Young Hero at Keswick.

Keswick, Dec. 16.—Keswick has a twelve-year-old hero. He saved the lives of three children last night, and in doing so nearly lost his own. Robert Riley rescued from a burning house Bertha Moss, aged 8; Henry Moss, aged 5; and Jesse Moss, aged 2. They are the children of W. S. Moss, a blacksmith.

Young Riley is a brother of Mrs. Moss, and for some time has made his home with the Moss family. The night of the fire, Mrs. Moss went to the theater, leaving the four children at home asleep. The lamp was turned down in the room where the Moss children slept. Young Riley was sleeping in a room adjoining. A little before 10 o'clock the fire broke out. He was quick to grasp the situation. He roused Bertha, the eldest, and carried her out. In the haze of her freight she insisted on going back to the burning house to get her mother's pocketbook.

Finally he made a second dash into the building and brought out Henry Moss unharmed, although the bed on which the child lay was ablaze. The third and last trip was the hardest of all. The room was full of smoke and fire, and in it the unconscious lay the pet of the household, Jesse. Throwing a blanket over his head, he made a last dash and brought out young Jesse. Both were burned, and the baby may die.

Today \$100 was raised with which to buy some appropriate testimonial to give to young Riley for his heroism.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Covering Every County and Many Department Subjects

FOR INTERESTED READERS

Who Enjoy their Information in a Condensed and Pithy Form and are too Busy to Read Long and Useless Reports of Space Writers.

New York, Dec. 15.—Oswald Ottendorfer editor of the Staats Zeitung, died at his home in this city today.

London, Dec. 15.—Judgment for £250 was entered in the Queen's Bench Court today against the Duke of Manchester for wines and cigars supplied by a city merchant. The claim was not contested.

Of the 13,007 arrests made by the Paris exposition police only forty-four were Americans. Surely this is an exhibit deserving a gold medal since none of the other nations did as well except Denmark and Polynesia.—Marsville Appeal.

New York, Dec. 14.—Cornelius L. Alvord Jr., the defaulting teller of the First National Bank, was arranged before Judge Thomas in the criminal part of the United States Circuit Court today and pleaded not guilty. The trial was set for December 26.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—The United States army transport Kintuck sailed for Manila this afternoon with 504 horses and 311 mules for the Philippine service, besides 1300 tons of miscellaneous army supplies. She will touch at Honolulu and there give the animals rest.

Close of the Century.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It is learned at the paper legation that coincident with the closing of the nineteenth century every archbishop and bishop in the United States, as well as elsewhere is ordered by Pope Leo to pontificate publicly at a midnight service in his cathedral, provided there are no impediments to interfere with the program. At Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons will conduct the commemorative rites, and in Washington, Archbishop Martinelli has promised to officiate as celebrant of midnight mass at St. Patrick's church.

Gompers is President.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—The twentieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor adjourned sine die tonight after selecting Scranton, Pa., for next year's convention. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Gompers, New York, cigar makers; secretary, Frank Morrison, Washington, printer; re-elected; treasurer, John B. Lennon, Bloomington, Ill., tailor. Re-elected.

She Once Killed a Colored Lad.

New York, Dec. 14.—A Washington dispatch to the World says that the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Moore Flagger to Dr. W. G. McKee of Baddeck, Cape Breton, is announced by her mother. The marriage will take place in June. Miss Flagger is a daughter of Brigadier General Daniel W. Flagger, at one time chief of ordnance of the army.

In August, 1895, Miss Flagger was the victim of a most unhappy occurrence. She shot a negro boy, Ernest Green, employed in one of the departments, killing him instantly. Green had been breaking the branches of pear trees in the grounds surrounding the Flagger residence in Washington. Miss Flagger warned the lad to desist, but he did not heed her, whereupon she fired a revolver, simply with the intention of frightening him away. Miss Flagger immediately surrendered herself to the chief of police and was exonerated by the coroner's jury. She was subsequently indicted as "deadly" and sentenced to three months imprisonment and \$500 fine. This sentence was carried out. She has since then been living in retirement at Cape Breton.

Jury in Jessies Morrison's Case Discharged.

Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 14.—Jessie Morrison's trial for the murder of Mrs. G. Olin Castle, whose life she is charged with having taken because of her love for G. Olin, ended at noon today in a hung jury.

Although the jury did not agree on a verdict, the result of their deliberations came near being an acquittal. Almost before the case had been discussed by them, nine jurors voted acquittal and three for conviction. The three holding out for manslaughter in the fourth degree, the punishment for which ranged from six months in jail to two years in the penitentiary. The jurors had been out since Tuesday morning and for the last three days, it is believed that they could not reach a verdict. They had waited patiently for their discharge.

FRIGATE SINKS OFF MALAGA.

Loss of a German Training Vessel with Many Lives.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—The German training frigate Gneisenau has foundered off Malaga, northeast of Gibraltar. Private dispatches say that forty persons were drowned.

The Gneisenau, which was built at Danzig in 1879, was an iron vessel, 260 feet long, 32 feet beam, and had a displacement of 2856 tons. She was 24 feet 9 inches in length and 45 feet 11 inches beam, having a mean draft of 19 feet 8 inches and a coal capacity of 400 tons. Her armament consisted of four 5.9-inch Krupp breech loaders, two 3.4-inch quickfiring, one boat or field gun, and seven torpedo tubes. Her complement was 461, and she was used for training boys.

Later.—The Gneisenau foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga, where she was about to take refuge from the terrible storm prevailing. A large number of the cadets can be seen from the shore, clinging to the rigging. They are shouting and signaling for help. The captain and many of the cadets have been drowned. It is believed that forty who left in one of the ship's boats, and have not been seen since, are lost. The total loss is now thought to be no less than 140. Forty of those saved are badly hurt.

The training ship had been at Malaga since November 1, practicing with guns of large caliber. At 10 o'clock this morning a review of the cadets was in order. The wind was violent, and instructions were given to stoke up as rapidly as possible. But already the training was had struck the ship, snapping the anchor chains. She was driven helplessly toward the port

and sank. The crew threw themselves into the sea and clung to the wreckage, but the majority quickly disappeared. Capt. Krethmann died at his post.

The Malaga lifeboat made three efforts, and rescued fifteen men, but the weight capsized the boat and twelve were drowned. The other three were saved by means of ropes thrown to them. The port authorities saved many of the sailors.

The survivors have been received at the hospital, the Hotel de Ville and private houses. All the theaters in Malaga abandoned their performances this evening.

French Consul Shoots Himself.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Paul Antonie, the acting French consul at this port, who shot himself through the head at 571 Ellis street late last night, is dying at the French hospital. There was considerable mystery over the affair due to the presence of a woman in the room at the time. The woman was arrested and tonight the police succeeded in clearing up the mystery, at the same time uncovering a skeleton in the unfortunate man's closet.

The woman was formerly the wife of a man named Poesner, and was known on the tondier at Belle Poesner. Belle Davis and several other aliases. She was violently in love with Antonie and after two years induced him to marry her secretly. She became jealous and nagged him continually on the street, at his office and home, threatening to publish their marriage although he told her if she did so he would lose all his friends and his position. She continued to quarrel with him incessantly, although he always ready to fawn on and caress him the next moment.

Last night she went to his room with him after an unusually violent quarrel. There the quarrel was renewed and when he threatened to end with a bullet she taunted him with being a fool and a coward. He took a revolver from the drawer, loaded it and placed the muzzle against his head. She sprang to grab it but was too late. He sent the bullet into his brain.

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

The Pacific Union Oil Company, which started to drill last Tuesday on its well four miles north of this city, is said to have struck a vein of oil at a depth of 75 feet.

After a temporary shut down, occasioned by a defective boiler, the Crown King Oil Company has begun drilling on its well in the Piru district. The hole is about 100 feet down.

The Ramona Oil Company operating in the Piru field is down 700 feet and was yesterday putting in a 7.5-gallon casing. There is considerable gas coming out of the hole and a fair showing of oil has been encountered.

The Puente Oil Company has a force of men putting up a new still which it received sometime ago for its refinery at Chico. Trouble has been experienced in getting men, particularly bricklayers, for the work. There appears to be no available men in the county.

Steam was got up in the engines of the Rincon Crude Oil Company on Saturday and the drill was started on its downward course. The machinery worked splendidly, and the outfit is regarded by experts as one of the best ever erected in that part of the county. For a week or more but one shift a day will be run, but after that time the fires will not be allowed to go down and the drilling will be continuous.

According to the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter, the first authentic discovery of crude petroleum in Arizona has been made eight miles south of Safford in the artesian well district. The oil was found by O. C. Scarborough, who was drilling for water at the depth of about 700 feet. The oil rose a considerable distance in the piping and was declared pure artesian. Scarborough continued his drilling with enthusiasm. Passing quickly through the oil-bearing stratum, he lost the oil in a strong flow of artesian water that spouted above the pipe. He will continue drilling in the hope of striking a stronger flow of petroleum.

Not Tramps but Robbers.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Five unidentified men, garbed as tramps, who asked shelter in a caboose at midnight last night, overpowered the village marshal at Brighton, Ill., locked him in a cell, and then broke into a bank and two stores. They attempted to get in to the vault of Blodgett Bros., in which there was a large amount of money but were unsuccessful, although the strong box was partially wrecked by several explosions of dynamite.

Falling there, the robbers entered the general store of E. Butler, where they broke into the safe and secured \$100. Soon after Butler's store was discovered on fire. A loss of several hundred dollars resulted. The robbers escaped on a handcar.

When the marshal was liberated he organized a posse and started after the robbers with bloodhounds.

California Lemons.

New York, Dec. 15.—Importers of lemons will have an analytical test made to show the relative quantity of citric acid contained in the imported fruit, as compared with the California product. This is the latest development in the controversy between importers and handlers of domestic lemons by the Earl Fruit Company, and which showed, according to the claims of that company, that the domestic fruit contained a larger percentage of citric acid than imported lemons. Importers, it seems, are by no means satisfied with the Earl test, and accordingly will make a counter test.

Mr. P. Salita, a large importer, said he had Krone Bros., of this city, select twelve lemons as a representative California production and also twelve of foreign lemons for a representative importation. Those Mr. Salita said had been given to an expert chemist to make an analysis "in order to secure a perfectly fair and impartial test," as to the relative amount of citric acid contained in the lots.

Frantic Excitement at a Santiago Ball.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 16.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here last night about midnight. It was the most severe that had been experienced in several years, and created a panic at the San Carlos Club, where a grand ball was in progress.

The shock was preceded by a dull sound like a mine explosion. Two shocks followed, the former being quite severe, and the latter scarcely perceptible. The ballroom at the club became a scene of frantic excitement. Several ladies fainted, and the people rushed into the streets.

At Moro Castle, a military ball was in progress. The American ladies present expressed grave interest in the earthquake, which was the first they had experienced, but displayed no fear.

ALL ALONE

Interested Genera.

About California

MENTIONED IN THESE COLUMNS

Selections That Will Be of Great Interest to Both Old and Young.

Haywards is to have an automobile factory.

The town of Hemet has a new water company.

Fresno is to have a \$5000 United Presbyterian Church.

Ground has been broken for Oakland's new postoffice.

Vaughn's jewelry store at Tulare was entered by burglars and over \$1200 worth of goods stolen.

Alameda county officials have advised their legislators that they need more help and want increased pay.

By the will of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, Mrs. Stephens, of Los Angeles, has been bequeathed a tidy sum.

B. B. Roberts, a San Francisco insurance agent, sat on the steps of the morgue, and shot himself through the head. Death was instantaneous.

On account of the pressure of other duties, Mrs. Phoebe Hears has resigned from the board of control of the National American Red Cross.

The American Forestry Association has adopted a resolution at Washington favoring the purchase of a reserve containing the California big trees.

The late W. E. Brown, banker of Sacramento, who died last week, was the first man in California to introduce the mulberry tree as a part of the silk industry.

Oakland, Dec. 16.—C. E. Denn, an employee of the Tesla Coal Company, was killed by falling down a shaft at the mine Saturday. He was a member of the National Guard.

Max Thelan of Berkeley has won the gold medal for the best debater at Berkeley. It is the first time in the history of the University that a freshman has taken the honor.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler will spend the Christmas vacation in the East. He will go directly to New York, and during his absence he will speak before the Philadelphia Philological Association.

Oakland, Dec. 15.—Frank B. Josephs a Sacramento attorney, was found not guilty today of not providing for his children. It was shown that his wife has money in the bank. The attorney was discharged.

Merton I. Allen, a San Francisco journalist, has accepted the editorship of a new magazine entitled "California," which is to be a journal of California for Californians. It will be published in San Francisco.

Jacob Rich, a San Jose pioneer, has been declared an insolvent. He is the pioneer railroad builder of the county. Many enterprises on which he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to develop are now paying properties.

The ladies of Berkeley have formed an organization to capture the "hug-bug," who has been operating in that burg of mine. This is selfish. The ladies of other cities have rights that ought to be respected.—San Jose Mercury.

The department of jurisprudence of Berkeley is to offer a practical course on commercial law, extending over such subjects as the commercial laws of foreign countries, the law of contracts, the rights of corporations and the law of insurance.

The residents of the southern metropolis want one of the new cruisers named "Los Angeles." From the inland position of that city it would be more appropriate to bestow the name upon an armed automobile. The fortified train—Oakland Tribune.

William Henry Hudson, whose farces have been the popular feature of Stanford University, has written a clever one-act sketch entitled "Digby's Rival." Prof. Bert. Estes Howard, a former Los Angeles divine, is to take an important part.

Santa Jose, Dec. 16.—A woman named May Elbridge, aged 19, whose parents live in Los Angeles, attempted suicide today by chloroforming herself. She was found unconscious, and was brought to life by the efforts of a doctor. Unrequited love caused the attempt.

Morocco's Burbank Theater, Los Angeles, commencing Sunday night and all week the new and latest farce comedy, "The Star Boarder" headed by Chas. H. Boyle and a big company of funny people. A host of charming girls—A number of bright specialties—More music than a comic opera—22 clever entertainers.

The crank who, through the agency of a flash paper of San Francisco, is advising people as to the most painful method of suicide, and who is advocating self-murder through that paper, should be taken in hand by the authorities for violation of the law which forbids advising or suicide or any aiding or abetting of that crime.—Sacramento Record-Union.

Orpheum, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Family Vaudeville Theatre. Week commencing Monday, December 17, Patrice, in "The Girl in the Moon" and Robert and Wilfred, expert jugglers; May DeSousa, sweet soprano singer; Anna Kenwick, singing and dancing comedienne; Mary Dupont and Charles Lothian in "A Visit to Aunt Martha's"; Mallory Brothers and Mazy Brooks, instrumentalists; Three Sisters Kelly, acrobatic specialties; Julius P. Witmark in the latest songs.

Fight With Boxers.

Pekin, Dec. 15.—A small force under Colonel Tullock, while reconnoitering today northeast of Pekin, encountered a force of Boxers in the village of Kaoliang. The village was barricaded and the officials were insolent. A Boxer encampment was discovered at Tieh Chang, five miles distant. Reinforcements arriving on Thursday, the fortress was attacked and captured after a sharp engagement, and